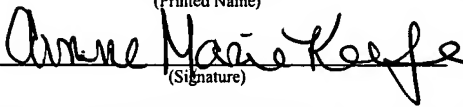




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This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 11, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicants file herewith, a Petition for a three (3) Month Extension of Time and a Credit Card Authorization Form in the amount of \$510.00 in payment of fees relating to the petition fee. With the extension, these documents are due on or before April 11, 2007.

**REMARKS**

***Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112***

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1-6 are generally drawn to a methods